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FM AMCONSUL IZMIR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1841

INFO AMCONSUL ADANA IMMEDIATE

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AMCONSUL ISTANBUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PINS, PINT, TU

SUBJECT: "BOMB ATTACK" DURING ECEVIT'S ARRIVAL AT IZMIR

1. AS ECEVIT AND PARTY WERE TRANSFERRING FROM AIRCRAFT TO BUSES AT IZMIR'S CIGLI AIRPORT AROUND 0745 HRS MAY 29, EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DETONATED, INJURING MEHMET ISVAN (BROTHER OF ISTANBUL'S MAYOR AND ECEVIT'S CAMPAIGN MANAGER). ISVAN, ONLY PERSON INJURED, RECEIVED FRAGMENTS WHICH REQUIRED SURGICAL REMOVAL FROM LEG. USUALLY RELIABLE POLICE SOURCE INFORMED OSI ON MAY 31 THAT EXPLOSIVE WAS "FOURTH OF JULY-LIKE ROCKET." ANOTHER SENIOR POLICE OFFICER, PRESENT DURING

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THE INCIDENT, DESCRIBED IT AS "AN ACCIDENT."

2. INITIAL TURKISH PRESS REACTION (E.G. MILLIYET OF MAY 30) SPECULATED EXPLOSIVE OBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN FIRECRACKER, AND SOME PERSONS PRESENT SUSPECTED ISVAN MAY HAVE BEEN WOUNDED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF FIREARM. (ALTHOUGH GREEK RADIO CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT ON MAY 29 EVENING NEWS, TRT EVENING NEWS REPORTEDLY IGNORED THE EVENT.)

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3. ECEVIT APPEARS BE EXPLOITING INCIDENT AS FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF HIS VALOR AND LACK OF SECURITY UNDER PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDING IZMIR'S YENI ASIR, ON MAY 30 HE PUBLICLY CHARGED THAT INCIDENT WAS ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, CLAIMING THAT OBJECT THAT INJURED IVAN "WAS 2 1/2 INCHES LONG, BOMB-LIKE DEADLY SUBSTANCE.... WHICH EXPLODES WHEN INTRODUCED INTO A BODY. IF EXPLODED AT VITAL PART (OF THE BODY) IT WOULD BE FATAL."

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